



Sahuaro Weekly Update



"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."

Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Residents Appointed to Serve on Boards and Commissions. The Glendale City Council has appointed several residents to serve on advisory boards and commissions. Congratulations to Sahuaro resident Sharon Sprague who was appointed as vice chair of the Citizens Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods

Glendale's 18 boards and commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact the community. These volunteer citizen advisory groups research, study and discuss specific Glendale projects and issues and then forward their recommendations to the City Council. Board and commission members must reside in Glendale. To request an application to serve on a city advisory group, call the Council Office at 623-930-2249 or [click here](#) for more information.

Nominate Neighbors, Volunteers and Businesses for Annual Spark Awards by Friday, May 15. The Glendale Neighborhood Commission encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the Glendale community or helped to improve our neighborhoods. If you know of someone like this, nominate the person or group for a 2009 Neighborhood Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, May 15. The Spark Award recipients will be honored by the Commission on Neighborhoods at the 2009 Neighborhood Leadership Forum, scheduled for Saturday, June 27 at 8 a.m. at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Drive. [Click here](#) for information on eligible categories and a nomination form.

Historic Preservation Commission Annual Bus Tour. The Glendale Historic Preservation Commission is sponsoring its fifth Annual Historic Preservation Bus Tour on May 16th from 8 a.m. - noon. The tour provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant. The event is open to the general public, and is free of charge. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call 623-930-2593 or email kflores@glendaleaz.com for more information or to make a reservation.

Qualification Assistance Web Site. Making Home Affordable is a government website designed to help homeowners determine whether or not they qualify for a loan modification or refinancing. It's the site to start with to determine whether or not assistance is available to you. <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/>

Public Comment Period until May 6 on Glendale ARRA Stimulus Funding. The public is invited to review a proposed amendment to the city's Annual Action Plan between now and May 6. The Annual Action Plan is the document that outlines the spending of the Federal 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) in Glendale. [Read More](#) about what's included and where to view this information.

Information on Local Recovery Funding and Plans. Glendale announces a new web page that includes a summary of the funds received as a result of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This page contains information for prospective contractors, services for residents facing foreclosure, and other ways Glendale will be putting these funds to use. [Click here](#) to visit the page.

Marketing & Communications Class for Graduates of Glendale University. Glendale has become a destination city and regularly attracts its share of media attention—get behind the scenes and see how to market a city in a special Glendale University (GU) graduate class called Marketing & Communications 101. Registration is now open to past graduates of the initial GU 101 program. [Register online](#) or read more. Class date is Thursday, June 18th from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Registration is due by Friday, June 12th.

Around Town

Historic Downtown Glendale Yard Sale - May 2. Come out to Historic Downtown Glendale for a fun day in the sun and sales galore! The Catlin Court Shops, located in Historic Downtown Glendale will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday May 2nd from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Enjoy lemonade stands to quench your thirst, ice cream treats, music to shop by, and more so come on out and join the fun! [Participating Shops>>](#)

Carl Hayden Students to Perform Zany Play for Family Fun. Looking for something different in free family fun? The Carl Hayden High School Speech Team will deliver the goods when they present “Inspector Detector & the Case of the Precious Treasure” at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5 in the auditorium of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

This entertaining family play, filled with a spirited amount of interaction between actors and audience (including chase scenes through the audience), invites everyone to help locate the hidden treasure. For more information, call 623-930-3537.

Parks and Recreation Summer Programs and Classes. Summer Fun is here! Starting May 1, you can begin registering for summer programs and classes. If you would like to view the activities offered by Glendale Parks and Recreation without signing in, you may log into the online system as a Guest. As a Guest you can view the activities offered as well as the class details. However, if you would like to sign up for an activity, you do need to sign in. [Click here](#) for more information or call 623-930-2820.

What E.L.S.E. (Enhancing Life Skills/Experiences). Parents, expand the minds and imaginations of your children with What E.L.S.E. programs from the Glendale Public Library. These special free family programs take place in the evening, to allow families to attend together. Join Christy Puetz on Monday, May 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Foothills Branch Library (Roadrunner Room), 19055 N. 57th Ave to design your own Japanese Koi Fish Windsock of fabric, ribbon, and embellishing pieces. Two person family teams (parent/child, grandparent/child, teen/younger sibling, etc.) are invited to register for this activity; one windsock will be completed for the team. Registration is required. Call 623-930-3837 to sign up. For ages 6-11.

Good Music Perks at the Glendale Coffeehouse. It never changes. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

Performing in the large meeting room on May 6 will be Fred Pinch, the composer of the hit “Walk Right In,” Carl Gregory and Eddie Detroit, who will deliver the unexpected; and Randy Brown, with a Kris Kristofferson set.

Mother’s Day Celebration May 9. Visit Historic Downtown Glendale as we celebrate moms with a day of deals, meals and more! Start your celebration at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up a beautiful flower, event map and goodie bag. Many of the downtown shops and restaurants will feature discounts and giveaways, free flowers and special Mother’s Day gift ideas, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Call 623-930-4500 or [click here](#) for more information.

Prime Vision. Remember the Electric Boogaloo?! The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Prime Vision, a 3 on 3 B-boy and B-girl competition, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. in Glendale, on Saturday, May 9. The event begins at 6 p.m., featuring 16 of the valley’s best B-boy and B-girl crews and a cash prize of \$500 for the winning crew, and music by DJ Cre. Entrance is \$5 per person and proceeds will benefit the youth and teen programs in Glendale. Food will be available for purchase. The event is being sponsored by Glendale Pawn and Jewelry. For more information, call 623-930-4701.

Children’s Safety Fair. Glendale Police, Fire and the Boys & Girls Clubs are sponsoring a FREE safety fair on Tuesday, May 12th from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Swift Kid’s Boys & Girls Club, 6420 W. Maryland Ave. Fingerprinting, gun safety, internet safety and car seat checks are just some of the topics to be covered. Reservations are required - call 623-930-4030.

Toddler Water Day ...Under the Sea! Grab those flip flops and beach towels, it’s time to hit the water! Join us 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., May 15, at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 63rd Ave. & Mountain View Rd., for a morning of fun water activities. Children should be dressed to get wet! There will be a variety of water games that will definitely leave them soaked. All children are required to wear shoes or sandals; no bare feet allowed. Don’t forget the SUNSCREEN. Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call Krystal at 623-930-2038.

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